

***Remarks***

Reconsideration of remaining claims 10, 12-14 and 16-20 is respectfully requested.

In the Office action dated March 8, 2004 (application Paper No. 2), the Examiner rejected claims 1-10, 13-15 and 17-20. Claims 11, 12 and 16 were "objected to" as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but containing allowable subject matter.

In response, applicants have amended claim 10 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 11. Claims 12-14 have likewise been amended to now depend from claim 10. Similarly, independent claim 15 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 16. With this amendment to claim 15, it is asserted that claims 17-20 are also now allowable.

Applicants believe that the case, in its present form, is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests an early and favorable response from the Examiner in that regard. If for some reason or other the Examiner does not agree that the case is ready to issue and that an interview or telephone conversation would further the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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